
NO. 482
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
January 4, 2007
MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at SCAG offices in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by President Yvonne Burke, Supervisor, County of Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Yvonne B. Burke, President, Los Angeles County	
Hon. Richard Dixon, Lake Forest, 2 nd Vice President	District 13
Hon. Jeff Stone, Riverside County	
Hon. Jon Edney, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley	District 3
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland	District 7
Hon. Deborah Robertson	District 8
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	District 10
Hon. Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Hon. Paul Glabb, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Leslie Daigle, Newport Beach	District 14
Hon. Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Hon. Christine Barnes, La Palma	District 18
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Hon. John Beaman, Brea	District 22
Hon. Paul Bowlen, Cerritos	District 23
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. David Gafin, Downey	District 25
Hon. Frank Gurule, Cudahy	District 27
Hon. Rae Gabelich, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights	District 31
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Keith Hanks, Azusa	District 33
Hon. Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel	District 35
Hon. Mike Ten, South Pasadena	District 36
Hon. Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona	District 38
Hon. Paul Nowatka, Torrance	District 39
Hon. Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach	District 40

Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Mike Dispenza, Palmdale	District 43
Hon. Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Hon. Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Hon. Bernard Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Greig Smith, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Tim Jasper, Apple Valley	District 65
Hon. Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC

Members Not Present

Hon. Gary Ovitt, 1st Vice President, San Bernardino County	
Hon. Toni Young, Port Hueneme, Immediate Past President	District 45
Hon. Chris Norby, Orange County	
Hon. Judy Mikels, Ventura County	
Hon. Victor Carrillo, Imperial Valley	
Hon. Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County	
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Hon. Isadore Hall, Compton	District 26
Hon. Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Hon. Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Todd Campbell, Burbank	District 42
Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Hon. Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Hon. Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Hon. Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Hon. Tony Cardenas, Los Angeles	District 53
Hon. Alex Padilla, Los Angeles	District 54
Hon. Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Hon. Herb Wesson, Los Angeles	District 57
Hon. Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles	District 58
Hon. Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Hon. Jose Huizar, Jr., Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Antonio Villariagosa, Los Angeles	At-Large
Hon. Andy Masiel, TASIN	

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel
Joanna Africa, Deputy Counsel
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Councilmember Keith Millhouse, City of Moorpark.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments were presented by Richard Robinson, private citizen.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 were removed for discussion. A motion was made (Brown) to approve the remaining consent calendar. Motion SECONDED (Bowlen). The Motion PASSED with one abstention (Hernandez).

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Minutes of December 14, 2006 Meeting

3.1.2 Resolution 07-482-1 authorizing SCAG to accept Blueprint Planning Grant Funds

3.1.3 Use of SCAG logo for Caltrans Transit Security Seminar

3.2 Receive & File

3.2.3 CFO Monthly Financial Report for November/December 2006

Items pulled

3.2.1 Contracts/Purchase Orders and MOUs between \$5,000 - \$250,000

Councilmember Paula Lantz expressed concerns regarding the number of bids received on contracts. Wayne Moore, CFO, stated that a status report was presented at the June meeting that addressed outreach efforts conducted for purposes of ensuring that an adequate number of responses to RFPs were received. Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director, stated that the Contracts staff is attending various national conferences to market contracting opportunities with SCAG to potential contractors.

He also noted that a survey was conducted a few years ago to see if there were obstacles or bottlenecks that could be improved and to determine if bids on contracts would increase. He suggested that another survey be conducted to accomplish this effort.

A motion was made (Stone) to approve Consent Calendar Item 3.2.1 Motion was SECONDED (Lowe) and OPPOSED (Lantz). The motion PASSED.

3.2.2 FY 06 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Rae Gabelich, Long Beach, stated that under aviation section, it showed that there were no expenses in 2003-2004. However totals of \$884,000 in 2005 and \$1.19 million in 2006 was allocated. She asked which funds were used for aviation projects during this time. Rich Macias, Manager, Transportation Planning, reported that all aviation work is funded thru FAA grants. He stated that the aforementioned funds were used to complete the regional air space analysis in conjunction with the FAA.

A motion was made (Stone) to receive and file the report. Motion was SECONDED (Jasper) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

It was subsequently requested that the report from the Auditors be reviewed by the Regional Council. Councilmember Dixon stated that the report was presented to the Audit Committee, however, the Auditors will be asked to present their report to the Regional Council next cycle. There were no objections.

4.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4.1 Committee Appointments

Regional Council

District # 34

Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra

Regional Council Members to Policy Committees

TCC

Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra

Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees

From OCCOG to CEHD:

Hon. Jim Palmer, Tustin

4.2 Appointment of RHNA Appeals Board Members and Alternate Members

Imperial County

Hon. Jon Edney

Los Angeles County

Hon. Paul Nowatka, Alternate: Hon Mike Ten

Orange County

Hon. Gil Coerper, Alternate: Hon. Christine Barnes

Riverside County

Hon. Charles White Alternate: Hon. Melanie Fesmire

San Bernardino County

Hon. Tim Jasper, Alternate: Hon. Larry McCallon

Ventura County

Hon. Carl Morehouse

5.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

5.1 Report from the Executive Director-

Mark Pisano stated that his report was previously mailed. However he was available to answer questions from the Regional Council.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Executive Committee Report

6.1.1 RHNA Legislation Update

Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel, stated that SB 12 was introduced last month. There are ongoing discussions with other stakeholders who have presented suggested amendments to the author. Ms Tachiki reported that it's not known at this time whether the amendments will be accepted. The first hearing on SB 12 is tentatively scheduled for January 10th or January 17th.

It was noted that several interested RC members will be attending the League of California Cities' during the scheduled timeframe of the SB 12 hearing.

Ms. Tachiki stated that an email will be sent to Regional Council members when the date and time of hearing is scheduled.

6.1.2 SCAG Meeting Scheduled

President Burke reported on discussions held at the Executive Committee on Regional Council and Policy Committee meeting organization in terms of how the meetings are scheduled. She stated that several concerns were raised on the scheduling of the meetings. Therefore a discussion is necessary in order to receive suggestions on how to efficiently improve the operation of the meeting day.

Councilmember Washburn stated that this item will be placed on the February Administration Committee agenda for purposes of determining an action plan to address this effort.

A question was raised regarding a member's right to vote from a remote site. Colin Lennard, General Counsel, stated that members have a right to vote under the current By-laws, however, members are not eligible to receive a stipend for meeting participation from a remote site.

6.2 Administration Committee Report

6.2.1 Sponsorship of the 2007 California Congressional Delegation Reception

A motion was made (Washburn) to approve the contracts. Motion was SECONDED (Jasper) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.3 Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC) Report

6.3.1 Comments to the Southern California Regional Airport Authority

Councilmember Baldwin, Chair, stated the TCC approved the comments with the following changes in the attachment:

1. That the SCRAA re-define its mission and responsibilities ~~based upon current situation~~ *consistent with the regional aviation decentralization strategy in SCAG's adopted 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).*
3. That SCRAA consider expanding its membership to include *as full members all communities that provide, or plan to provide commercial passenger service as well* the counties of San Diego, Imperial and Ventura provided that inclusion of such counties is consistent with SCRAA's new mission and responsibilities.
7. That SCRAA *revise the agreement so that to eliminate its single-member veto provision* further define its relationship with SCAG, and that the Agreement be revised to establish a clear delineation of SCRAA's powers and SCAG's responsibilities as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region with respect to regional aviation and ground access planning.

Added Language:

12. *That SCRAA consider the following recommendation from SCAG's Regional Airport Management Study with regard to regional airport governance: "A 'structure' memorandum of understanding (MOU) is the preferred approach to creating an initial Regional Airport Consortium. The Consortium should be based at least initially on the MOU approach, but with more structured than is typical of MOU organizations. It should have bylaws and meet regularly. A 'structured' MOU-based consortium could eventually evolve into a joint powers authority after a period of confidence building among the members who may decide that the organization would be enhanced with the greater structure, permanence and continuity of a JPA. However the powers of the JPA should not include eminent domain or operating, siting and developing airports, since these powers are consistent with the Regional Airport Consortium concept in SCAG's 2004 RTP. To allay the concerns of constrained urban airports and their communities, a precondition should be all legally enforceable constraints and policies cannot be changed by subsequent amendment."*
13. *That SCRAA consider the attached comments submitted on January 2, 2007 by the City of Long Beach.*

14. *That SCRAA institute a formal public review period for all comments to SCRAA pertaining to its mission, membership, powers and responsibilities, prior to taking any formal action to revise its mission, membership, powers and responsibilities.*

A motion was made (Baldwin) to approve the contracts. Motion was SECONDED (Dixon) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.4 **Community, Economic & Human Development Committee Report**

6.4.1 **Draft Appeals Procedure re: the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)**

It was noted that Colin Lennard, General Counsel, left the meeting prior to the RHNA discussion.

Councilmember Edney stated that the Draft Appeals Procedure outlines how the appeals will be handled in the upcoming RHNA cycle.

A motion was made (Edney) to approve the Draft Appeals Procedure. Motion was SECONDED (Baldwin).

Mayor Dixon stated that staff indicated in their workshop that staff will also present information regarding any existing local, regional and state incentives available to those jurisdictions that are willing to accept a higher share than proposed in the draft allocation plan. He asked that for those cities who accept a higher share, could they be exempt from re-allocations.

Joanna Africa, Deputy Legal Counsel, explained the Post-Appeal Reallocation process under the Draft Appeals procedure, which was based upon existing law. Ms. Africa presented an option of how Mayor Dixon's concern could be addressed

After discussion and subsequent to additional comments and questions presented by Mr. Dixon and others, Councilmember Edney called for the question. The vote was taken by a show of hands to approve the Draft Appeals Procedure. There were 30 AYES and 5 NOES. The motion passed.

6.5 **Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) Report**

The Solid Waste Task Force will meet on January 25 and the Water Policy Task Force will meet on February 15, 2007 at SCAG offices.

6.6 **Communications & Membership Subcommittee Report**

The Communications Task Force will meet after the Regional Council at 2:00 p.m.

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 RHNA Workshop

A slide show was presented on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment Methodology. The Fair Share Allocation Plan will be presented to the Regional Council for approval in February.

8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

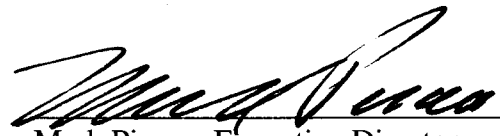
There were no future agenda items.

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Regional Council is scheduled for February 1, 2007 at SCAG offices in Los Angeles.


Mark Pisano, Executive Director